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Period for Reply

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Status

Re-amended A

☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on

09/03/02

☐ This action is FINAL.☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1, 6-10, 13-17 and 19 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.☒ Claim(s) 1, 6-10, 13-17 and 19 is/are rejected.☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received

in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 3☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413☒ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948☐ Other _____

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Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because legal phraseology "comprises" is used in the abstract. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

2. *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 6-10, 13-17 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by either Lefkowitz et al (4,181,514; 1-4 in Fig. 7; col. 3, line 54 through col. 4, line 18; col. 4, line 64 through col. 5, line 14) or Giacovas (4,004,899; 1 & 2 in Figs. 1-3; col. 1, lines 25-44; col. 2, lines 52-67).

Either Lefkowitz et al or Giacovas teaches an air filter comprising a pleated filter support having support members and each support member spaced from an adjacent support member to at least partially form a pleated shape, and a filter at least partially supported by support members wherein the pleated filter support comprises a plurality of posts in at least a partially annular form. Either Lefkowitz et al or Giacovas further teaches the filter medium can be glued or bonded by

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adhesive in order to assure the holding of the filter medium within the pleats of the support member. Giacovas also teaches an air filter housing with air flowing through the filter housing in a first direction, a pleated filter support operatively connected to the filter housing having support members spaced from an adjacent support member in a pleated shape and a filter supported by support members. Either Lefkowitz et al or Giacovas further teaches a method of manufacturing an air filter comprising the steps of arranging a plurality of posts into pleats, forming the pleats into a partially annular form, adhering a filter to the pleats, and sealing the filter to the support.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

- Shary et al (5,049,172) disclose a resistant filter.
- Choi (5,744,036) discloses a pleated filter arrangement.
- Stevens et al (3,026,967) disclose an air filter.
- Schaeffer (4,488,966) discloses a filter pleat support means.
- Huer et al (3,679,537) disclose a packing elements.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh-Chau Pham whose telephone number is (703) 308-1605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (except Wednesday) from 7:15 a.m. to

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5:45 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. David Simmons, can be reached on (703) 308-1972. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 872-9310 (non-finals) or (703) 872-9311 (after-finals).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.



Minh-Chau Pham

Patent Examiner

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